

**CROMPTON | SEAGER | TUFTE | LLC**

Patent, Trademark &amp; Copyright Attorneys

1221 Nicollet Avenue, Suite 800  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403-2420  
Phone 612.677.9050  
Fax 612.359.9349

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****NOV 24 2004****Fax Transmission**DATE: November 24, 2004

TO: Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Examiner Pantuck, Bradford C.  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Glenn M. Seager

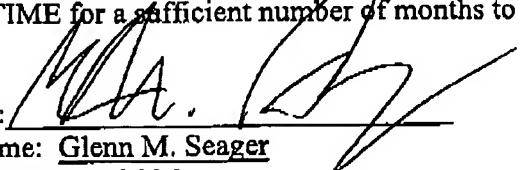
OUR REF: 1001.1388101  
TELEPHONE: 612.359.9312

Total pages, including cover letter: 10**PTO FAX NUMBER 703-872-9306**

If you do NOT receive all of the pages, please telephone us at 612.677.9050, or fax us at 612.359.9349.

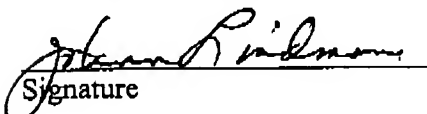
Title of Document Transmitted: Amendment  
Applicant: Thomas Broome et al.  
Serial No.: 10/044,368  
Filed: January 10, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 3761  
Our Ref. No.: 1001.1388101  
Confirmation No. 8240  
Customer No. 28075

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0413 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By:   
Name: Glenn M. Seager  
Reg. No.: 36,926

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name: JoAnn Lindman

  
Signature

11-24-04  
Date

**P A T E N T**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/044,368 Confirmation No.: 8240  
Applicant : Thomas Broome et al.  
Filed : January 10, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 3761  
Examiner : Pantuck, Bradford C.  
Title : DISTAL PROTECTION FILTER  
Docket No. : 1001.1388101  
Customer No. : 28075

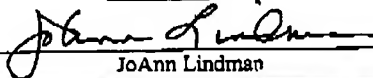
RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER  
NOV 24 2004

**AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.116**

**MAIL STOP: AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.06(d):** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306, on this 24 day of November, 2004.

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed October 1, 2004, with a priority response period set to expire on December 1, 2004 and a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 30, 2004. This response is filed within the priority period for response and, as such, no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.